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In re Application of: )  
Michael McClary, et al. )  
Serial No.: 09/837,448 )  
Filed: April 17, 2001 )  
For: ALIGNMENT OF TDM-BASED SIGNALS )  
FOR PACKET TRANSMISSION USING )  
FRAMING AND UNFRAMED )  
OPERATIONS )  
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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on June 20, 2002, the applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the following amendment and consider the following remarks:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph 56 on page 19, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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[0056] The operation of the portions of line card 502 illustrated in Figure 6 will now be described in terms of unframed-based operations. In other words, operations will be described within line card 502 such that the frame boundaries of the incoming TDM signals

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on August 8, 2002

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